



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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THE ANNUAL MEETING . . .

A TIME TO PAUSE

One of the more interesting parts of the Annual Meeting of the Society is to learn what has been accomplished during the year and plans for the coming year. What can safely be predicted is that the infusion of a new spirit—a willingness to experiment, to try new ideas—will continue. A good year is ending, and a better one lies ahead.

Another element of the program, eagerly anticipated, is the introduction of the guest speaker, film or demonstration. This year one of the superlative documentary films made by Colonial Williamsburg, "Eighteenth Century Life in Williamsburg, Virginia," will be shown. Focusing on one of the community's most useful and respected citizens, the cabinetmaker, the film portrays a typical day in his life. Starting with the early morning rituals, it follows the craftsman and his son to his shop where he must call on the skills of other artisans to complete his work. It touches on his association with fellow citizens as they relax and discuss the affairs of the day at their favorite tavern.

It is an experience to step back two centuries to share the concerns of the men who were forced eventually to make one of the most far-reaching decisions of their times. We know the legacy they left us; we are observing that during this year of 1976. The film will undoubtedly give us pause—to stop and think of the legacy we will leave the generations following us.

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: **November 16, 1976**
Place: **Auditorium,
Borough Hall**
Time: **8:00 P.M.**

Light Refreshments will be
Served

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The Society gratefully acknowledges donations from the following persons and organizations:

American Brands, Inc.

The American Revolution: Three views. 1976.

American Philosophical Society

Bell, W. J. The Declaration of Independence—four versions. 1976.

American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Salem County

Paulsboro. 1924.

Souvenir map of historic sites in Salem County. 1976.

Timmins, R. H. and W. D. The great cow chase of 1976. Typescript.

Mr. Francis R. Bicker

Haddon Heights Historical Society. Bulletin. 1976.

Miss Ethel Blackwood

Dobbs, J. F. From Bunker Hill to Manila Bay. 1906.

Kelsey, D. M. Deeds of daring by the American soldier. 1899.

New Jersey and the Rebellion. 1868.

Wright, M. J. Official reference library of U.S. history. 1900.

Mrs. Richard Carll

Public Ledger, v. 1, no. 1, 1836. Newspaper; facsimile.

Philadelphia Record, Sept. 19, 1901. Newspaper.

Cultural and Heritage Commission of Camden County

Camden County Historical Society. Historic tours of Camden Co., No. 1.

Fichter, J. H. Our Pennsauken. 1975.

Prowell, G. R. History of Camden County. Reprint 1974.

Mrs. Myrtle Davis

U.S. Army. Pennsylvania Volunteers, 188th Regiment. Discharge to John Davis, Aug. 29, 1865. Ms.

Mrs. Andrew B. Duffy

Postal card view of the Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House on Ellis Street.

Mrs. Charles H. Evans

Washington, George. Writings ed. by W. C. Ford. 14v., 1889-1893.

Photograph of Rev. Paul Hayne, Dr. Robert H. Morris and Dr. W. P. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Forstall

Copy book, 1829. Ms.

Miscellaneous photographs. 7 pieces.

The Haddon Fortnightly

Brown, C. O. Camden County park system. 1937.

Haddonfield Preservation Society

Historic houses of Haddonfield, 1713-1842; a calendar for 1976/77.

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Sr.

Audubon celebration of the New Jersey Tercentenary. 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Jr.

Camden County. Board of Freeholders. Camden County centennial, 1844-1944.

History of Grace Church in Haddonfield. 1967.

Munroe, J. A. Delaware, a guide to history. 1965.

WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE . . .

As one relinquishes the role of the presidency, it is a time for reflection and evaluation. Contrary to a wise German proverb—"Imitate the sundials ways—Count only the pleasant days"—an inventory must be taken of all the days. The days have been fruitful, filled with enthusiasm, dedication, plans and accomplishments.

On reflection, Greenfield Hall "opened wide its doors," with dedicated hostesses greeting an increased number of visitors from near and far; an outstanding Librarian readily assisting researchers and interested seekers of historical data; and many persons viewing outstanding and exceptional exhibits.

It is not possible to evaluate the achievements of the Women's Committee: the renovated kitchen; newly painted parlors; successful June Fairs; Christmas at Greenfield Hall—a beautiful event; are but a few of their efforts for the Society.

The Bulletin and the Newsletters that were initiated kept our membership informed. This was particularly evidenced by the participation of our members in the recent Candlelight House Tour.

The letter soliciting the assistance of the members to complete the renovation of the Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House reminds us that the past is prologue. The future requires continued dedication and personal involvement under new leadership to which we pledge ourselves.

Dorothy B. McGlade
President

REPORT FROM— THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on November 16, 1976:

President

Mrs. William E. Moody

First Vice President

Mrs. James J. Lennon

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Edwin L. Spragg

Treasurer

Ferris A. King

Trustees:

Term to expire in 1978:

Henry A. Watson

(To fill the unexpired term of Mr.
C. R. Mulloy, Jr.)

Term to expire in 1979:

Miss Ann Blau

Mrs. William G. Buch

Blair M. Murphy

Ms. Ruby B. Oberst

William E. Olver 3rd

J. Willard King, *Chairman*

Mrs. E. E. Hess

Ms. Ruby B. Oberst

Mrs. Harry P. Atkinson

Joseph N. Hartel

BENJAMIN THOMAS WOOD

It is with sadness that we mention Mr. Wood's death at age 91, one of the Society's oldest active members.

- Mr. Joseph N. Hartel*
Hartel, Mrs. Carrie E. N. The Indian King. Copy of ms.
- Mrs. Robert M. Henderson*
Genealogical material on the Kay family. Ms.
- Indian Mills Historical Society*
Indian Mills Historical Society. Newsletter. 1976.
- Mr. Harry T. Kaufmann*
The King's Road. Record of 1975 production.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard King*
Biographical material on the Willard family. Copy of ms.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laudenslager*
Pennsylvania magazine of history and biography, 1959-1976. 30 pieces.
- Mrs. David S. Lenhart*
Haddonfield 200th Anniversary Committee. Minutes. Sept. 1913. Ms.
Certificate of appointment of Thomas Hopkins to Old Tavern House Committee;
Jan. 27, 1931. Ms.
- Mrs. James J. Lennon*
Randall, W. S. Proprietary House in Amboy. 1975.
- Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade*
McKay, E. A. Essays on the American Revolution. 1976.
- Mrs. Walter Merkh*
Hillman, S. C. Historical sketch of Potter Street. 1910.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Mulloy*
Photographs of movie made by the Haddon Fire Company, No. 1. 9 pieces.
Photograph of Charles and Samuel N. Rhoads.
- Mr. M. Elmond Neeley*
List of Haddonfield postmasters, 1835-1976. Typescript.
- New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection*
State Register of historic places. June 1976.
- Pennsylvania Horticultural Society*
From seed to flower—Philadelphia, 1681-1876; a horticultural point of view.
1976.
- Mrs. Joseph W. Pennypacker*
Collection of manuscripts, pamphlets and prints pertaining to local history and family biography. Of special interest are documents and broadsides relating to the West Jersey Ferry Co. and the Browning family. 1758-1967. ca. 100 pieces.
- Rev. F. Ellwood Perkins*
"Dialogue sermon given on Heritage Sunday, June 6, 1976. Typescript.
- Mr. Harry M. Potter*
The parentage and descendants of Alexander and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, the immigrants of 1736. Copy of typescript.
- Mrs. F. M. Rex*
Miscellaneous women's magazines, 1866-1904. 8 pieces.
- Mr. Albert F. Robinson*
Walter, Samuel. The hymnlet. 1976.

FOR THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE . . . NEW DIRECTIONS

Here is the group which never seems to run out of ideas, which is always bursting with enthusiasm and usually has the willing and able hands to implement its plans.

The Committee is trying something new for 1977. Rather than gearing all its talent, energy and time to just one activity, the Committee voted recently to expand its program to include a Valentine's Day Tea, a Spring Garden Sale, the Historic Village Fair, with more emphasis on the Auction, and a Fall Hardy Mum Sale. The "hows" and "whens" are still to be worked out; but, never fear—when the time comes, the word will be given out loud and clear!

Another new idea, recently introduced, is to have a series of evening meetings for those women who cannot attend the monthly Tuesday morning gatherings. Originally it was thought the evening group would be an extension of the daytime group and follow more or less the same pattern. It begins to appear, though, that their needs and interests will be different and that an evening group will want to develop its own meeting format and programs.

Two major gift ideas recommended by the Woman's Committee were approved by the Society's Board of Trustees. One is to have the halls from the front entrance to the third floor painted and repapered. Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann will be in charge of the Committee. The second, in the care of Mrs. Joseph L. Grimm, is to have a storm-screen door installed at the back kitchen

entrance. Mrs. Grimm and the House Committee, will also investigate and make recommendations for improvements to make working at Greenfield Hall the year round more pleasant and comfortable.

Two new officers were elected at the October meeting. They are: Ms. Elnora Alff, vice president, and Mrs. B. L. Hubbard, recording secretary.

FIVE OLD BUILDINGS GET NEW MARKERS

One of the most rewarding partnerships—one which not only has continued for many years, but which has also benefitted the town—is that between the Civic Association and the Society. Together they have agreed on houses to be permanently marked; the Association underwrites the cost of the markers, and the Society orders and has the markers secured on the houses.

The cut-off date has been established as 1850. During this year five homes were added to the list—The Birdwood Tenant Houses, Thomas Redman, 1811, at 80 and 82 Grove Street; the Snowden House, 1816, 46 Potter Street; the Haddon House, George Hanold, ca. 1820, 301 Kings Highway East; and the General John Clement House, ca. 1850, 272 Kings Highway East.

The new markers were set in position by Chairman of the Marker Committee, Louis H. Goettelmann, A.I.A., F.I.A.L., and securely fastened to the brick or frame walls by his son, Rodney, a building craftsman and expert. There are now more than 60 historic Haddonfield homes and sites so marked.

Mr. William J. Rudolph

Deed from Joseph V. Clark to Benjamin B. Cooper; March 29, 1809. Ms.

Mr. Albert Sanski

Print showing the railroad in Haddonfield in 1882; signed Debbie Peacock.

Mrs. Robert M. Scudder

Letter from Joseph Pennypacker to his father; April 19, 1901. Copy of ms.

Miss E. Marie Sitley

Photograph of West Jersey Presbytery, Nov. 1931.

Mrs. Stephen Snodgrass

Brief sketch of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Typescript.

Mrs. Edwin W. Stiles

Inaugural addresses of Presidents of the U.S. 1965.

Mrs. B. Dexter Streeter

Frost, J. Life of William Penn. 1839.

Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert

The Batsto manor house. 1976.

Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Brown, B. L. Gateways to architecture. 1975.

Mr. Benjamin T. Wood

Haddonfield National Bank. Resolution *in re* Samuel Wood, 1929. Illuminated ms.

Camden Co. Grand Jury. Testimonial to Samuel Wood, 1906. Illuminated ms.

Miscellaneous photographic views of Haddonfield. 4 pieces.

Purchases

D'Alessandro, J. T. The Collingswood Bicentennial book. 1976.

Dorwart, J. M. and Mackey, P. E. Camden County, New Jersey. 1976.

Purdy, J. C. Moorestown, old and new. Reprint 1976.

ACQUISITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS**February 1976 through June 1976**

The Acquisitions Committee acknowledges with sincere appreciation gifts received from the following donors:

1. Porcelain plate "Johnson" with picture of "Haddon Hall" in England
Howard R. Kemble
2. A "flat Poll" head of an old hammer used many years ago. Found in Crows Woods. (A flat poll is shown in C. Keith Wilbur's "Picture Book of the Continental Soldier.") *Mrs. Vernon Thomas*
3. Old glass bottle found at Hopkins Pond *Timothy Jackson*
4. New "Bennington '76 flag" for the Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof House)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson
5. Iron cherry stone remover, patented marks 1863, and an iron apple peeler, pat. 1868, made by Reading Hardware, ca. 1877 *Mr. Joseph J. Stutz*
6. Indian axe head, found in a Trenton cemetery *Mrs. Martha Rudnicki*
7. Old snuff box, dated 1886, once owned by Susan Haskell, whose great grandmother was Mary Jane Moore *Katharine Fretz Goettelmann*

8. Old photos and postal cards of Evans Mill on Evans Pond, dating from 1871; a framed picture of Rebecca Gill Willits in her garden at Greenfield Hall, dated 1904, and a roll of cloth made in the factory of Josiah Evans, located at the Old Mill Dam in Haddonfield *Mrs. E. L. Forstall (Sidney Thomas Forstall, whose mother was Esther Evans Willits Thomas, 1894/1975)*
9. Plumed Masonic Hat worn by his father and some balusters from the Old Hick-site Friends Meeting of Haddonfield *Charles R. Mulloy, Jr.*
10. Items of old clothing such as crocheted shawl, knit jackets and hats
..... *Mrs. Robert M. Henderson*
11. Framed water color painting of Julia Bedford Gill, by Adelaide McConnell, many articles of old-style clothing, two books formerly owned by Mrs. Gill—one printed in London, dated 1760, and one signed by her—dated 1884.
..... *Mrs. Albert T. Bauer*
12. Early Victorian “rope” bed, painted dull red *Mrs. Charles H. Evans*
13. Two dolls. 1. A 22 inch Farian, dated 1860, with a trunk full of doll clothes.
2. A 15½ inch China head doll, German, 1850 *Mrs. Stanley L. Brown*
14. Sampler—1831, A. R. Clinton. Was an award-winning sampler for a 9 year old; Tin type, metal frame, oval photo of Abigail Easer Clinton, taken 1842. (Heir-looms of Emma Clinton Butler Reeves) *Mrs. Joseph L. Grimm*
15. Small gold-finish medal, honoring Arthur E. LeDuc for World War service, 1917-1919, with Borough of Haddonfield official seal on one side
..... *Mrs. Paul J. Harrell*
16. Sixteen items of baby dresses and kindred artifacts, dated to 1843, with a nursing bottle stamped “Made in Camden, N.J.” *Mrs. Evelyn Garwood Montsinger*
17. Salem County Bicentennial Flask (green glass) made by Gaynor (100th Anniversary) Glass Co.
..... *American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Salem County*
..... *Mr. R. N. Yarrington*
18. Campfire Girls Outfit, ca. 1926. Complete with headpiece, string of achievement beads and ring. *Mrs. Henry B. Dumphrey*
68 Oakmont Dr., N. W., Marietta, Ga. 30060
19. Lady’s garments, old but not dated, as follows: Child’s dress of embroidered lawn, a pair of brown silk gloves, a two-piece cotton dress with lace/ribbon trim, petticoat for the dress; a net/ribbon lady’s cap; silk corset cover.
..... *Mrs. Robert M. Henderson*
20. Collection of old articles, some undated, as follows: Five small boxes of Italian candles (old); Seven old hat pins 6 to 8 inches long; tortoise and rhinestone comb; folder for note paper with pettipoint decoration on front, dated December 1853; three combs and one baret in tortoise shell; four pairs old cuff links, plus seven odd cuff links; a two-inch pewter tray engaved; small blue flower-rimmed picture frame; gray-blue taffeta dress with belt; white crepe de Chine dress *Mrs. James W. Pennypacker*
21. Apple wood four-poster rope bed, 3/4 size, with mattress ca. 1850
..... *Mrs. William H. Stow, Jr.*

Submitted by Acquisitions Committee,
Miss Helena V. Stevenson
John S. Wood, Jr.
Martha K. Goettelmann, *Chairman*
(Mrs. Louis H.)

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SAMUEL MICKLE (Hip Roof) HOUSE

After much serious consideration, it was decided to conduct the fund-raising drive to restore the interior of the Samuel Mickle House among the members of the Society. The letter mailed October 18, 1976, has brought an encouraging response with gifts to date of almost \$2,900.00.

A totally unexpected—and certainly most welcome—gift came as a result of the concerted efforts of the members of Haddonfield's Indian King Chapter of The Questers, Inc. Because of the hard work done by the twenty members of the Chapter, the application they submitted was approved. A matching-funds grant of \$500.00 from the Questers National Preservation and Restoration Fund toward a Bicentennial project was awarded the Chapter for Furnishings for the Samuel Mickle House.

When they heard the announcement at the Questers National Convention held in Philadelphia this past May, Chapter members Mrs. Howard Laurence, Mrs.

Louis H. Goettelmann, Mrs. Fred Van Istendahl and Mrs. Robert J. Moore (who had been assigned the task of preparing and filing the papers required), were taken totally by surprise. They were then, and still are, gratified that their effort was successful and that the Chapter will be able to make such a meaningful contribution toward furnishing the House.

A SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME—THE 1976 CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Two comments most universally made about this year's Tour were the number of people who came from out of town and the atmosphere of enjoyment and pleasure which was everywhere evident.

Candlelight Tour chairman Beatrice Stuckert's only regret was that so few people stopped at the Friends' School where an unusual exhibit had been prepared for visitors to see and enjoy.

Despite some incipient traffic jams and waiting at some of the homes, a feeling of joie de vivre prevailed. Certainly, "the bottom line" figure—of almost \$2,500.00—is some thing to be glad about.